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**Political Figure Research Project**

During the next three weeks, you will be researching a political figure. Your task is to create a poster or presentation (Powerpoint or equivalent) about this person to educate your classmates. Be sure to address the following:

1. How did he or she come to this position? (perhaps a bit about the person’s background)
2. What are his or her responsibilities/powers?
3. How does this position fit into the overall government structure? How does the law limit his or her power?
4. Newsworthy information (Be sure it is appropriate!)
5. Extra Credit: Write to your assigned person and get a response!

Due Date: Monday, September 29th

You will be researching the following person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

President Barack Obama

Vice President Joseph Biden

Speaker of the House Senator

John Boehner

Secretary of State John Kerry

Secretary of the Treasury

Jack Lew  
  
Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel  
  
Attorney General

Eric H. Holder, Jr.

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen

Secretary of the Interior

Sally Jewell  
   
Secretary of Agriculture

Thomas J. Vilsack  
  
Secretary of Labor

Thomas E. Perez  
   
Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius  
  
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun L.S. Donovan

Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz

Secretary of Transportation

Anthony Foxx  
  
Secretary of Education

Arne Duncan  
  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Eric K. Shinseki  
  
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Rand Beers

**White House Chief of Staff**

**Denis McDonough**

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy  
  
Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.

Associate Justice Antonin Scalia

Associate Justice

Anthony M. Kennedy

Associate Justice Clarence Thomas

Associate Justice

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Associate Justice

Stephen G. Breyer

Associate Justice

Samuel A. Alito, Jr.

Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Associate Justice Elena Kagan

New York Senator

Kirstin Gillibrand

New York Senator Charles Schumer

New York Governor

Andrew Cuomo

Brooklyn Borough President

Eric Adams

NYC Councilmember, 39th District Brad Lander

New York Schools Chancellor

Carmen Farina

Public Advocate

Latitia James

NYC Mayor

Bill De Blasio

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

NYC Speaker of the Council Melissa Mark-Viviento